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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The following is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 5, 1999. This reply is accompanied by a request and authorization to debit deposit account 01-0025 for a one month extension of time which extends the time for reply from November 5, 1999, to December 5, 1999.

The Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of the groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Applicants, by their attorney, now elect the claims of group one, claims 1-6, 11-12, 15 and 18. Accordingly, but without prejudice to the patentability of the subject matter therein, please cancel claims 7-10, 13, 14, 16 and 17. Because all inventors participated jointly in claims 1-6, 11-12, 15 and 18, no amendment of inventorship is believed necessary. Favorable action is now solicited.

Respectfully

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